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SUBJECT: HEATH/ BRANDT DISCUSSION OF MBFR AND EUROPEAN SECURITY

BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE REPORTS ON MBFR/ EUROPEAN SECURITY ASPECTS OF MAY 28 HEATH/ BRANDT MEETING AT BONN. AS WE ARE TOLD BY FONOFF POL DIRECTOR, EMPHASIS WAS ON EMPLOYMENT OF MBFR TO CONTROL DETENTE EUPHORIA IN WESTERN EUROPE AND US AT A TIME OF GROWING SOVIET MILITARY BUILDUP. BRANDT ALSO REVIEWED SOME BREZHNEV VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES. DISCUSSION OF MID- EAST/ ENERGY CRISIS BY SEPTEL (NOTAL). US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS NOT DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY BY BRANDT AND HEATH GIVEN FRG- UK ACCORD DURING MAY 16 VISIT TO BONN OF SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME TO ADOPT POSITIVE POSTURE TOWARD US INITIATIVES TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH BRINGING THE FRENCH ALONG. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL BRIEFED EMBOFFS ON MAY 28 BONN MEETING BETWEEN BRANDT AND HEATH. BESIDES THE TWO LEADERS, OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE WER FRG MINISTERS SCHEEL, SCHMIDT, BAHR, AND FOCKE, CHANCELLERY AIDE FISCHER AND VAN WELL ON THE GERMAN SIDE; BRITISH AMBASSADOR HENDERSON AND LORD BRIDGES PARTICIPATED ON THE UK SIDE. THE MEETING FOLLOWED PRIVATE HEATH VISIT TO BAVARIA AND EARLIER TETE- A- TETE WITH THE CHANCELLOR ON ECONOMIC ISSUES. VAN WELL SAID THIS PRIVATE BRANDT/ HEATH MEETING DELT WITH ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION, THE CAP, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF BRITAIN REJOINING THE SNAKE; VAN WELL HAD NO DETAILS ON THESE PRIVATE ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS.

2. HEATH BEGAN DISCUSSION OF SECURITY ISSUES BY ASKING THE CHANCELLOR FOR THE OVERALL RESULT OF HIS MEETINGS WITH BREZHNEV. BRANDT SAID HE THOUGHT BREZHNEV WAS SECRET

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TAKING A RATIONA, CAUTIOUS APPROACH, AND WAS SEEKING TO AVOID RISKS. BREZHNEV SEEMED TO BRANDT TO BE THINKING IN TERMS OF A SLOW MBFR PROCESS, INVOLVING SMALL REDUCTION STEPS WITH PERHAPS TWO OR THREE YEAR PAUSES IN BETWEEN. BREZHNEV HAD NOTED THAT HE HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH THE SOVIET MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AND SO WISHED TO GO SLOWLY SO THE SOVIET MILITARY COULD ADJUST TO CHANG-

ING CIRCUMSTANCES. THE CHANCELLOR TOLD HEATH
THAT BREZHNEV DID NOT FOR THE TIME BEING APPEAR INTEREST
- ED IN " LINKING STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL NUCLEAR
WEAPONS". (COMMENT: IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFFS QUESTION,
VAN WELL SAID HE AND SCHMIDT THOUGHT THIS MEANT THAT
THE SOVIETS WERE PLACING LESS EMPHASIS IN SALT ON FBS,
GIVEN THE INCREASING RUSSIAN SLBM STRENGTH. END
COMMENT).

3. BRANDT SAID HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY
BREZHNEV' S INTEREST AND OSTENSIBLY DETAILED STUDY OF
CBMS. BRANDT SAID THAT BREZHNEV' S INTEREST IN THIS
SUBJECT APPARENTLY HAD BEEN AWAKENED DURING HIS MINSK

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